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In. Re Application of: Mathew McPherson
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Construction of a Sound Hole Board in an
Acoustic Guitar
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

*In the Claims:**Please cancel claims 3 and 24.*

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1. (Amended) An acoustic guitar, the guitar having a body having a soundboard, the soundboard comprising a first layer and a second layer, both layers being bonded together, wherein the first and second layers are made of different types of wood, wherein the sound board comprises no more than two layers of wood bonded together.

2. (Amended) The guitar of claim 1, the type of woods used to make the first and second layers being chosen from the group consisting of spruces, cedars, firs, pines, redwoods, maple, koa, mahogany, birch and popple.

A2
7. (Amended) The guitar of claim 2, wherein the first layer comprises cedar and the second layer comprises spruce.

A3
20. (Amended) The guitar of claim 1, the guitar having a sound box, a neck, a plurality of strings positioned above the sound board.

A4
21. (Amended) The guitar of claim 1, wherein the two layers of wood are glued together.

A5
22. (Amended) The guitar of claim 1, wherein the grain direction of the two layers of wood are in substantially parallel planes, running in substantially perpendicular directions.